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FORM 144

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALE OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

ATTENTION: Transmit for filing 3 copies of this form concurrently with either placing an order with a broker to execute sale or executing a sale directly with a market maker.

1(a) NAME OF ISSUER(Pl print)	(b) IRS IDENT. NO.		(c) S.E.C. FILE NO.					
Gannett Co., Inc.	16-0442930		1-6961					
1(d) ADDRESS OF ISSUE STATE ZIP CODE	R STREET		CITY			(e) TELEPH	ONE NO.	
7950 Jones Branch Drive	McLean	VA	22107			AREA CODE	NUMBER	
						(703)	854-6000	
2(a) NAME OF PERSON FOR WHOSE ACCOUNT THE SECURITIES ARE TO BE SOLD	(b) IRS IDEN	T. NO.	(c) RELA TO ISSU		P(d) ADDRESS STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE			
Douglas H. McCorkindale			officer & d	irector	c/o Gannett Co., Inc. 7950 Jones Branch Drive McLean VA 22107			

INSTRUCTION: The person filing this notice should contact the issuer to obtain the I.R.S. Identification Number and the S.E.C. File Number.

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3(a)	(b)	SEC USE ONLY	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
Title of the Class of Securities To Be Sold	Name and Address of Each Broker Through Whom the Securities are to be Offered or Each Market Maker who is Acquiring the Securities	Broker-Dealer File Number	Number of Shares or Other Units To Be Sold (See instr. 3(c))	Aggregate Market Value (See instr. 3(d))	Number of Shares or Other Units Outstanding (See instr. 3(e))	Approximate Date of Sale (See instr. 3(f)) (MO. DAY YR.)	Name of Each Securities Exchange (See instr. 3(g))
Common Stock	Tony Fagella Deutsche Bank Alex Brown 280 Park Avenue, 3E New York, NY 10017		200,000	\$14,180,000	267,272,115	On or after 12/06/02	NYSE

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. (a) Name of Issuer
- (b) Issuer's I.R.S. Identification Number
 - (c) Issuer's SEC file number, if any
 - (d) Issuer's address, including zip code
- (e) Issuer's telephone number, including area code
- 2. (a) Name of person for whose account the securities are to be sold
- (b) Such person's I.R.S. identification number, if such person is an entity
- (c) Such person's relationship to the Issuer(e.g., officer, director,

10% stockholder or member of immediate family of any of the foregoing)

(d) Such person s address, including zip code

- 3. (a) Title of the class of securities to be sold
- (b) Name and address of each broker through whom the securities are intended to be sold
- (c) Number of shares or other units to be sold (if debt securities, give the aggregate face amount)
- (d) Aggregate market value of the securities to be sold as of a specified date within 10 days prior to filing of this notice
- (e) Number of shares or other units of the class outstanding, or if debt securities the face

amount thereof outstanding, as shown by the most recent report or statement published by

the issuer

- (f) Approximate date on which the securities will be sold
- (g) Name of each securities exchange, if any, on which the securities are intended to be sold

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TABLE I - SECURITIES TO BE SOLD

Furnish the following information with respect to the acquisition of securities to be sold and with respect to the payment of all or any part of the purchase price or other consideration therefor:

Title of the Class		Pate you cquired	Nature of Acquisition Transaction	Name of Pers Whom Acc (If gift, also give acquire	quired date donor	Amount of Securities Acquired	Date of Payment	Nature of Payment
Common Stock	On or after 12/06/02		Stock Option Exercise	Gannett Co., Inc.		200,000	Upon exercise on or after 12/06/02	Cash
was not made in table or in a note given. If the con- obligation, or if the arrangement			es were purchased and full payment therefor cash at the time of purchase, explain in the thereto the nature of the consideration sideration consisted of any note or other payment was made in installments describe and state when the note or other obligation n full or the last installment paid.		person for v positions, p	whose account the ut or other option raph (d)(3) of Rule	e acquisition of the y are to be sold ha to dispose of secu 144, furnish full i	d any short rities referred

TABLE II - SECURITIES SOLD DURING THE PAST 3 MONTHS

Furnish the following information as to all securities of the issuer sold during the past 3 months by the person for whose account the securities are to be sold.

Name and Address of Seller	Title of Securities Sold			Date	of Sale	Amount of Securities Sold	Gross Pı	roceeds
REMARKS:								
INSTRUCTIONS:	ATTENTION:							
See the definition of "person" in paragraph (a) of Rule 144. Information is to be given not only as to the person for whose account the securities are to be sold but also as to all other persons included in that definition. In addition, information shall be given as to sales by all persons whose sales are required by paragraph (e) of Rule 144 to be aggregated with sales for the account of the person filing this notice.			The person for whose account the securities to which this notice relates are to be solar hereby represents by signing this notice that he does not know any material adverse information in regard to the current and prospective operations of the Issuer of the securities to be sold which has not been publicly disclosed.					
Decembe	er 6, 2002				/s/ I	Oouglas H. McCorkii	ndale	
Date of	Notice					Signature		

This notice shall be signed by the person for whose account the securities are to be sold. At least one copy of the notice shall be mutually signed. Any copies not manually signed shall bear typed or printed signatures.

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ATTENTION: Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001)